



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2718

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Kenji KAWANO, et al.)

Application No.: 10/026,419)

Filed: December 26, 2001)

For: APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING
SUBSTRATE AND METHOD OF
PROCESSING THE SAME)

Group Art Unit: 1756

Examiner: Chacko Davis, Daborah

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Restriction Requirement dated November 13, 2003, with a period for response extending to December 13, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 1 – 14), Group II (claims 15 – 22), Group III (claims 23 – 42), Group IV (claims 44 – 61), and Group V (claims 62 – 85). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1 – 14, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to an apparatus, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 11, 2003

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